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#### **Preface**

The Multi-Agent-Based Simulation (MABS) Workshop series, which began in 1998, aims to bring together researchers interested in MAS engineering with researchers focused on finding efficient solutions to model complex social systems, in such areas as economics, management, organizational and social sciences in general. Its scientific focus lies at the confluence of social sciences, and multi-agent systems, with a strong application/empirical vein, and its emphasis is on (i) exploratory agent-based simulation as a principled way of undertaking scientific research in the social sciences, and (ii) using social theories as an inspiration for new frameworks and developments in multi-agent systems.

The 21st edition of the workshop, collocated with the 19th International Conference on Autonomous Agents and Multi-Agent Systems (AAMAS), was held virtually (through Zoom) due to the COVID-19 lockdown, on 10th May, 2020. A total of 12 papers were submitted to the workshop and nine were accepted after peer review. These papers were reviewed by two or more PC members using a single-blind review method. This workshop also featured invited talks on the topic of *the role of multi-agent-based simulation in addressing global problems* from Professor Frank Dignum, Dr Maite Lopez-Sanchez, Dr Cristian Jimenez, Dr Mario Paolucci, Dr Jason Thompson, Ms. Fatema T. Johora and Ms. Kaidi Wang. Also, a general discussion centered around the same topic was held. About 25 participants attended the workshop.

This volume represents 8 revised papers (out of 9 accepted for the workshop), which were extended and revised based on the peer reviews received from the workshop. The revisions made to the papers were reviewed by one of the workshop chairs, and this formed the second round of peer review. We are confident this process has resulted in high-quality papers.

The workshop could not have taken place without the contribution of many people. We are very grateful to our invited speakers as well as to all the MABS 2020 participants who took part in the discussions. We are also very grateful to all the members of the Program Committee for their hard work. Thanks also go to Jaime Sichman and Mehdi Dastani (AAMAS 2020 workshop chairs), and to Amal El Fallah Seghrouchni and Gita Sukthankar (AAMAS 2020 general co-chairs). We also thank EasyChair for the use of their conference management system.

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